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Election With Traverse dated August 1, 2008
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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008. A response was due June 1, 2008. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this response.

In the Office Action of May 1, 2008, the Examiner required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a bipolar type semiconductor device; and

Group II: Claims 4-9 drawn to a process for manufacturing a bipolar type semiconductor device.

The Examiner asserted that the inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect for further prosecution the invention of Group II, covering claims 4-9, drawn to a process for manufacturing a bipolar type semiconductor device.

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